

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

June 2024 Grand Jury

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR No. **2:24-CR-00369-SPG**

Plaintiff,

I N D I C T M E N T

v.

RYAN JAMES WEDDING,
aka "James Conrad King,"
aka "~R137,"
aka "R,"
aka "Mexi,"
aka "El Jefe,"
aka "El Toro,"
aka "Boss," and
ANDREW CLARK,
aka "~Mero güero,"
aka "Dick,"
aka "Dictator."

[21 U.S.C. § 846: Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine; 21 U.S.C. § 963: Conspiracy to Export Cocaine; 21 U.S.C. §§ 848(a), (b): Continuing Criminal Enterprise; 21 U.S.C. § 848(e)(1)(A): Murder in Connection with a Continuing Criminal Enterprise and Drug Crime; 21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970: Criminal Forfeiture]

Defendants.

The Grand Jury charges:

COUNT ONE

[21 U.S.C. § 846]

[ALL DEFENDANTS]

Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing until on or about April 9, 2024, in Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, within the Central District of California, in

1 the countries of Mexico, Colombia, and Canada, and elsewhere,
2 defendants RYAN JAMES WEDDING, also known as ("aka") "James Conrad
3 King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka "El
4 Toro," aka "Boss," and ANDREW CLARK, aka "~Mero güero," aka "Dick,"
5 aka "Dictator," and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,
6 conspired with each other to knowingly and intentionally distribute
7 and possess with intent to distribute at least five kilograms of a
8 mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a
9 Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, in violation of Title
10 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(A)(ii).

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1 COUNT TWO

2 [21 U.S.C. § 963]

3 [ALL DEFENDANTS]

4 Beginning on a date unknown to the Grand Jury, and continuing
5 until on or about March 4, 2024, in Los Angeles, Riverside, and San
6 Bernardino Counties, within the Central District of California, in
7 the countries of Mexico, Colombia, and Canada, and elsewhere,
8 defendants RYAN JAMES WEDDING, also known as ("aka") "James Conrad
9 King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka "El
10 Toro," aka "Boss," and ANDREW CLARK, aka "~Mero güero," aka "Dick,"
11 aka "Dictator," and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury,
12 conspired with each other to knowingly and intentionally export from
13 the United States at least five kilograms of a mixture and substance
14 containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic
15 drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States
16 Code, Sections 953(a), 960(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(ii).

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1 COUNT THREE

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 848(a), (b)]

3 [DEFENDANT WEDDING]

4 Beginning on an unknown date, but not later than in or around
5 2011, and continuing to on or about April 9, 2024, in Riverside, San
6 Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of
7 California, and in the countries of Mexico, Colombia, and Canada, and
8 elsewhere, defendant RYAN JAMES WEDDING, also known as ("aka") "James
9 Conrad King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka
10 "El Toro," aka "Boss," engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise in
11 that defendant WEDDING knowingly and intentionally violated Title 21,
12 United States Code, Sections 841, 846, 953, 960, and 963, by
13 committing violations, including but not limited to, the felony
14 violations alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, which
15 Counts are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference as if
16 fully set forth in this Count, all of which violations were part of a
17 continuing series of felony violations of subchapters I and II of
18 Title 21 of the United States Code, undertaken by defendant WEDDING
19 in concert with at least five other persons with respect to whom
20 defendant WEDDING occupied a position of organizer, supervisor, and
21 manager, and from which continuing series of violations defendant
22 WEDDING obtained substantial income and resources.

23 Furthermore, defendant WEDDING was a principal administrator,
24 organizer, and leader of the criminal enterprise, which involved the
25 possession with intent to distribute and exportation of at least 150
26 kilograms of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic controlled substance.

1 COUNT FOUR

2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 848(a), (b)]

3 [DEFENDANT CLARK]

4 Beginning on an unknown date, but not later than November 7,
5 2023, and continuing to on or about April 9, 2024, in Riverside, San
6 Bernardino, and Los Angeles Counties, within the Central District of
7 California, and in the countries of Mexico, Colombia, and Canada, and
8 elsewhere, defendant ANDREW CLARK, aka "Mero güero," aka "Dick," aka
9 "Dictator," engaged in a continuing criminal enterprise in that
10 defendant CLARK knowingly and intentionally violated Title 21, United
11 States Code, Sections 841, 846, 953, 960, and 963, by committing
12 violations, including but not limited to, the felony violations
13 alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, which Counts are
14 re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth
15 in this Count, all of which violations were part of a continuing
16 series of felony violations of subchapters I and II of Title 21 of
17 the United States Code, undertaken by defendant CLARK in concert with
18 at least five other persons with respect to whom defendant CLARK
19 occupied a position of organizer, supervisor, and manager, and from
20 which continuing series of violations defendant CLARK obtained
21 substantial income and resources.

22 Furthermore, defendant CLARK was a principal administrator,
23 organizer, and leader of the criminal enterprise, which involved the
24 possession with intent to distribute and exportation of at least 150
25 kilograms of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic controlled substance.

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1 COUNT FIVE

2 [21 U.S.C. § 848(e)(1)(A)]

3 [ALL DEFENDANTS]

4 On or about November 20, 2023, in Los Angeles County, within the
5 Central District of California, and in the countries of Mexico,
6 Colombia, and Canada, and elsewhere, defendants RYAN JAMES WEDDING,
7 also known as ("aka") "James Conrad King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka
8 "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka "El Toro," aka "Boss," and ANDREW CLARK,
9 aka "~Mero güero," aka "Dick," aka "Dictator," and others known and
10 unknown to the Grand Jury, while engaging in and working in
11 furtherance of a continuing criminal enterprise, as charged in Count
12 Three of the Indictment, and while engaged in an offense punishable
13 under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A) or
14 960(b)(1), namely:

15 (1) conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least
16 five kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable
17 amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance,
18 in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1),
19 (b)(1)(A)(ii); and

20 (2) conspiracy to export from the United States at least five
21 kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount
22 of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, in
23 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 953(a),
24 960(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(ii);
25 intentionally killed and counseled, commanded, induced, procured, and
26 caused the intentional killing of another person, namely, Victim A,
27 and such killing did result.

1 COUNT SIX

2 [21 U.S.C. § 848(e)(1)(A)]

3 [ALL DEFENDANTS]

4 On or about November 20, 2023, in Los Angeles County, within the
5 Central District of California, and in the countries of Mexico,
6 Colombia, and Canada, and elsewhere, defendants RYAN JAMES WEDDING,
7 also known as ("aka") "James Conrad King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka
8 "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka "El Toro," aka "Boss," and ANDREW CLARK,
9 aka "~Mero güero," aka "Dick," aka "Dictator," and others known and
10 unknown to the Grand Jury, while engaging in and working in
11 furtherance of a continuing criminal enterprise, as charged in Count
12 Four of the Indictment, and while engaged in an offense punishable
13 under Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(b)(1)(A) or
14 960(b)(1), namely:

15 (1) conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least
16 five kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable
17 amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance,
18 in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1),
19 (b)(1)(A)(ii); and

20 (2) conspiracy to export from the United States at least five
21 kilograms of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount
22 of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, in
23 violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 953(a),
24 960(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(ii);
25 intentionally killed and counseled, commanded, induced, procured, and
26 caused the intentional killing of another person, namely, Victim B,
27 and such killing did result.

1 SENTENCING ALLEGATION

2 [DEFENDANT WEDDING]

3 Defendant RYAN JAMES WEDDING, also known as ("aka") "James
4 Conrad King," aka "~R137," aka "R," aka "Mexi," aka "El Jefe," aka
5 "El Toro," aka "Boss," prior to committing the offenses alleged in
6 Counts One and Two, had been finally convicted of a serious drug
7 felony as that term is defined and used in Title 21, United States
8 Code, Sections 802(57), 841, and 960, namely, Conspiracy to
9 Distribute Cocaine, in violation of Title 21, United States Code,
10 Sections 841(a)(1) and 846, in the United States District Court for
11 the Southern District of California, case number 3:08-cr-02386-JM-3,
12 on or about November 30, 2009, for which defendant WEDDING served a
13 term of imprisonment of more than 12 months.

14 Defendant WEDDING was released from a term of imprisonment for
15 that offense within 15 years of the commencement of the offenses
16 alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment.

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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION ONE

2 [21 U.S.C. § 853]

3 [ALL DEFENDANTS]

4 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
5 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America
6 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21,
7 United States Code, Section 853, in the event of any defendant's
8 conviction of the offenses set forth in any of Counts One and Three
9 through Six of this Indictment.

10 2. Any defendant so convicted, shall forfeit to the United
11 States of America the following:

12 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
13 real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which
14 the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

15 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
16 real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or
17 part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense;

18 (c) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or
19 ammunition involved in or used in such offense; and

20 (d) To the extent such property is not available for
21 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property
22 described in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c).

23 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),
24 any defendant so convicted, shall forfeit substitute property if, by
25 any act or omission of said defendant, the property described in the
26 preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located
27 upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold
28 to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the

1 jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in
2 value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be
3 divided without difficulty.

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1 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION TWO
2 [21 U.S.C. §§ 853 and 970]
3 [ALL DEFENDANTS]

4 1. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a) of the Federal Rules of Criminal
5 Procedure, notice is hereby given that the United States of America
6 will seek forfeiture as part of any sentence, pursuant to Title 21,
7 United States Code, Sections 853 and 970, in the event of any
8 defendant's conviction of the offense set forth in Count Two of this
9 Indictment.

10 2. Any defendant so convicted, shall forfeit to the United
11 States of America the following:

12 (a) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
13 real or personal, constituting or derived from, any proceeds which
14 the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, from such offense;

15 (b) All right, title and interest in any and all property,
16 real or personal, used, or intended to be used, in any manner or
17 part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of such offense;

18 (c) All right, title, and interest in any firearm or
19 ammunition involved in or used in such offense; and

20 (d) To the extent such property is not available for
21 forfeiture, a sum of money equal to the total value of the property
22 described in subparagraphs (a), (b), and (c).

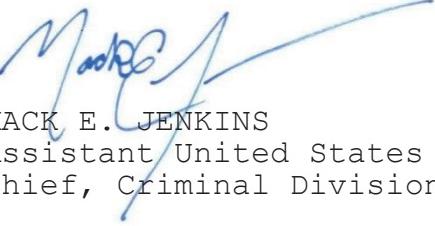
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25 any act or omission of said defendant, the property described in the
26 preceding paragraph, or any portion thereof: (a) cannot be located
27 upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred, sold
28 to, or deposited with a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the

1 jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been substantially diminished in
2 value; or (e) has been commingled with other property that cannot be
3 divided without difficulty.

4 A TRUE BILL
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